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The invention described in the claims as pending in the captioned-application was conceived by me prior to July 6, 2001.

Moreover, between July 6, 2001 and the filing date of the instant application, July 19, 2001, I was diligently working with my patent attorney to draft and finalize the instant application. Specifically, for those thirteen days, we were involved in the review and drafting of the specification and claims, in addition to the formulation of the drawings.

For example, the attached eight figures (Attachment sheets 1-6) were formulated on and before June 1, 2001 to describe the instant invention. This establishes that the instant invention was conceived at least one month before the July 6, 2001 date.

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